

## **REMARKS**

This is a Request for Continued Examination and incorporates and modifies the amendment after final rejection submitted on June 15, 2004.

In the present amendment, independent claim 7 has been further amended in order to more specifically point out the present invention. Also, claim 9 has been amended for clarity, and new dependent claim 13 has been added for completeness of coverage. It is believed that all of the claims are allowable.

Claim 7, as amended, specifies that the frame sections that hold the roller rod and pulling beam are adapted to be mounted on the opposed side walls of the casing on opposite sides of the opening in the casing. The side wall frame section mounting feature of the present invention is not disclosed in any of the references of record in this case. This feature provides numerous advantages over the prior art and renders these claims allowable. The claims have been amended to make it clear that the frame members are mounted on the opposed side walls that face each other and are not mounted on the outwardly facing portion of the casing, which is defined as the outer side of the casing and the outwardly facing portion of decorative trim.

It is submitted that the subject matter of claim 7 and all of the dependent claims clearly distinguish over the disclosure of the Thumann reference, wherein the housing 24 for storing the screen is mounted on an outwardly facing side of one side of the frame, and the pulling bar is mounted on the outwardly facing side of another side of the frame. It is respectfully urged that the Thumann reference does not disclose a frame section with a securing edge mounted to one of the opposing side walls.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is urged that all of the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

If any additional modifications in the claims are necessary in order to place this case in condition for allowance, a telephone interview with the examiner in order to expeditiously resolve this application would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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